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DIARY NOTES

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15 June 1965

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

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a. Dick Helms asked me to take the necessary action in connection with the appointment of [REDACTED] as Deputy Director for Plans and [REDACTED] continuation as Assistant Deputy Director for Plans, effective 28 June. (I asked Emmett Echols to do the necessary.)

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b. A great deal of time was spent discussing the NIE's and SNIE's on South Vietnam. Everyone was asked for his views on how the war is going, what possible courses of action are available to the United States, and what would be the probable reactions. In general, it was a rather pessimistic session. There was no question that most of us felt that as of now we are losing the war. The Director was absent for part of the meeting but came in for about the last half hour. It was obvious that he was still not satisfied with the preciseness of the presentations, and Ray Cline was given the responsibility to prepare a paper with accompanying graphics outlining all the courses of action available to the United States and the probable reactions by the North Vietnamese, the [REDACTED]

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c. I reported on the meeting which [REDACTED] Larry Houston, and I had with Bill Crockett yesterday, and this report was very well received.

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3. Bob Bannerman telephoned from Florida to tell us how he can be reached while on vacation.

4. Emmett Echols reminded me that the Longevity Awards Ceremony is usually held on 18 September, which falls on a Saturday this year. I asked

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him to prepare a brief memorandum to the Director, recommending that the ceremony be held on Friday, 17 September.

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5. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning Jack Smith mentioned a memorandum he had received from [REDACTED] indicating that there had been a security leak of some sensitive information. Dick requested that this matter be referred to Howard Osborn. (I alerted Howard to this situation.)

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6. [REDACTED] telephoned to report the following:

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a. He said that he worked out a formula with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to give Jack supervision of the chauffeurs assigned to the Director's office. Walt also worked out a formula on overtime which has been explained to the chauffeurs. [REDACTED] office will continue to prepare the chauffeurs' Fitness Reports, after which they will be sent to the Office of the Director for review.

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b. Walt advised me that the Director noted the new Chrysler assigned to Dick Helms and said that he wanted a new car, preferably a Lincoln Continental. I told Walt that I would give him a brief memorandum on this matter since the purchase of a new car for the Director would pose some delicate problems vis-a-vis the President's instructions.

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7. John Tietjen told me that [REDACTED] had been to see [REDACTED] to complain about his son's disapproval for summer employment. I checked with Emmett Echols, who said that George had also been to see him. Emmett told George that his boy had not been disapproved on medical grounds but because his approval for employment would have required a full-fledged medical examination. This action was entirely consistent with the policy I had established.

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in effect that we will reserve judgment on what to do about this until we know how wide-spread this practice has been.

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